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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S JULY 14 SPEECH ON UN

REF: STATE 170841

1. IN ABSENCE OF FONMIN VAN DER STOEL, WHO IS OUT OF COUNTRY ON HOLIDAY UNTIL AUG. 15 (WITH A BREAK FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE HELSINKI SUMMIT), CHARGE SAW MOST SENIOR AVAILABLE FONOFF OFFICIAL, DIRGEN FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS RUTTEN ON JULY 21 TO COVER POINTS MADE IN SECRETARY'S MILWAUKEE SPEECH. DRAWING CONFIDENTIAL

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FULLY ON REFTEL, CHARGE EXPLAINED CURRENT SERIOUS U.S. CONCERNS BUT UNDERLINED U.S. VIEW THAT UN CAN AND SHOULD PLAY INDISPENSABLE ROLE IN HELPING TO KEEP THE PEACE AND RAISE THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL HORIZONS OF THE LESS ADVANTAGED

NATIONS.

2. RUTTEN LISTENED CAREFULLY AND WHEN CHARGE HAD FINISHED HIS DETAILED PRESENTATION RUTTEN'S IMMEDIATE RESPONSE WAS THAT THAT THERE WAS NO DISAGREEMENT ON FUNDAMENTAL VIEWS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE NETHERLANDS. AS THE U.S. KNEW, THE NETHERLANDS WAS INCLINED TO GIVE MORE WEIGHT TO THE FEELINGS OF ECONOMIC INJUSTICE WHICH THE THIRD WORLD WAS TRYING TO RECTIFY AT THE UN AND THROUGH ITS AGENCIES. RUTTEN ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE WAS MUCH THAT WAS WRONG WITH THE PRACTICE OF BLOC VOTING BUT ASSERTED THAT FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE GROUP OF 77 IT WAS TECHNIQUE WHICH HAD ACHIEVED SUBSTANTIAL RESULTS; HENCE, THEY WOULD NOT EASILY BE PERSUADED TO GIVE IT UP. CHARGE RECALLED THE SECRETARY'S LANGUAGE THAT COUNTRIES CONSISTENTLY VOTING AS A BLOC MIGHT END UP INHERITING AN EMPTY SHELL.

3. ALTHOUGH CHARGE HAD NOT DRAMATIZED THE THREAT OF ISRAEL'S EXPULSION OR SUSPENSION FROM THE UNGA, RUTTEN CHOSE TO FOCUS THE BULK OF HIS COMMENTS ON THIS POINT. HE FIRMLY AGREED WITH IMPORTANCE OF SAFEGUARDING ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE. DUTCH POSITION WAS THAT RESPECT FOR CHARTER WAS OF CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE AND ANY ATTEMPT TO DEPRIVE ISRAEL OF THAT RIGHT WOULD BE VIOLATION OF CHARTER. THIS VIEW WOULD MAKE DUTCH GO TO BAT FOR ANY COUNTRY SO THREATENED, WHETHER LDC, ARAB OR OTHER. TAMPERING WITH ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN UNGA ON POLITICAL GROUNDS WOULD BE "EXTREMELY SERIOUS MATTER" AND MIGHT BE "FATAL" FOR UN. EGYPTIAN OFFICIAL HAD INDICATED THAT THEY DID NOT WISH ANTI-ISRAELI MOVE TO GO OUT OF CONTROL BUT RUTTEN WONDERED WHETHER AND HOW DAMAGE CONTROL MIGHT OPERATE NOW THAT JIDDAH EXPULSION RESOLUTION WAS FACT OF LIFE. HE MENTIONED THAT DURING RECENT VISIT OF TRINIDAD/ TOBAGO PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS, MEMBER OF HIS PARTY HAD CAUTIONED DUTCH OFFICIALS AGAINST ASSUMING THAT THERE WOULD BE ANY SIGNIFICANT BREAKING OF RANKS AMONG THE NON-ALIGNED SHOULD AN ARAB-INITIATED MOTION TO EXPEL OR SUSPEND ISRAEL BE INTRODUCED AT THE UNGA. WILLIAMS HIMSELF SAID THERE WERE A GREAT MANY CONFIDENTIAL

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COUNTRIES LIKE TRINIDAD THAT FELT ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT WAS NO CONCERN OF THEIRS AND WOULD THEREFORE HAVE NO MOTIVATION TO OPPOSE THEIR BROTHER COUNTRIES IN THE GROUP OF 77 WHO WANTED TO GET RID OF ISRAEL.

4. RUTTEN EXPRESSED KEEN INTEREST IN HOW THE U.S. WOULD USE ITS GLOBAL POSITION AND INFLUENCE AT THE UN TO HEAD OFF ANY EXPULSION OR SUSPENSION MOVE. OBVIOUSLY THE U.S. WOULD HAVE TO BE CAREFUL IN WHATEVER WARNING IT ISSUED, OTHERWISE IF THE WORSE CAME TO WORST AND THE U.S. FAILED TO FOLLOW THROUGH IT WOULD LOSE FACE COMPLETELY. WITHOUT PURPORTING TO SPEAK FOR HIS GOVERNMENT ON THIS POINT, RUTTEN NEVERTHELESS DISMISSED THE PRACTICAL POSSIBILITY OF THE NETHERLANDS

WALING OUT OF THE UNGA OR FAILING TO PAY ITS DUES EVEN IF A DRASTIC ANTI-ISRAEL MOTION SHOULD BE VOTED. (RUTTEN MAY HAVE UNDERESTIMATED THE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS IN THE NETHERLANDS WHICH, FOR INSTANCE, COST THE FORMER FONOFF SPOKESMAN, A CAREER DIPLOMAT, HIS JOB BECAUSE HE DEVIATED SLIGHTLY FROM THE OFFICIAL LINE AND APPEARED TO MOVE THE GON A STEP CLOSER TO THE PALESTINIAN POSITION IN THE FALL OF 1973.)

5. RUTTEN READ WITH INTEREST SECRETARY'S REPLY TO PRESS QUESTIONS AS TO POSSIBLE U.S. REACTIONS (PARA 4 REFTEL) BUT SURMISED THAT U.S. MIGHT ALREADY BE CONSIDERING CONFIDENTIAL CONTINGENCY PLANS. CHARGE SAID HE WAS NOT INFORMED ON ANY SUCH PLANS BUT DREW RUTTEN'S ATTENTION TO LIKELIHOOD OF EXTREMELY ADVERSE PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL REACTION. U.S. SENATE HAD IN FACT ALREADY ADOPTED AN ADMONITORY RESOLUTION. RUTTEN NOTED RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY LAST WEEK'S EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, WHICH WAS MEANT TO REINFORCE THRUST OF SECRETARY'S MILWAUKEE SPEECH, AND COMMENTED THAT, IN ORDER TO MEET ANY CONTINGENCIES AT 7TH SPECIAL UNGA, EARLY CONSULTATION ON TACTICS AMONG LIKE-MINDED COUNTRIES WOULD BE DESIRABLE.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: CHARGE WILL PURSUE THE SUBJECT OF THE UN WHEN HE HAS LUNCHEON WITH FONOFF STATE SECRETARY BRINKHORST ON JULY 24. AMBASSADOR GOULD WILL PROBABLY WANT TO MAKE HIS OWN REPRESENTATIONS TO VAN DER STOEL WHEN THEY HAVE BOTH RETURNED TO THE HAGUE. IN THE MEANWHILE, IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE OUR CHANCES FOR DUTCH UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT, IT CONFIDENTIAL

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WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE NOW OR WHEN AVAILABLE WHATEVER INSIGHTS THE DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE ON U.S. CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR THE EXPULSION ISSUE.
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